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Title:	HOMOGENTISATE-DIOXYGENASE		

MAIL STOP – RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

a.) Introductory Comments:

In response to the Office Action, mail dated August 27, 2004, applicant respectfully makes the following provisional election and requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement in view of applicant's remarks below.

Applicant provisionally elects Group II, claims 1, 2 and 6-16, with traverse.

d.) Remarks

In the Office Action, restriction is alleged to be required, under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372, to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-16, drawn to an expression cassette comprising an HPPD encoding gene, vectors, host cells and transformed plants comprising an HPPD sequence and a method of making said transformed plant;